

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Arnold, et al.
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NETWORKS AND REDUNDANT NETWORK ARRANGEMENTS
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Examiner: C. Grey
Docket No.: 118744-00087

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Response is to the restriction requirement mailed on May 21, 2007, for which a reply was due on June 21, 2007, and for which a Petition for a two (2) month Extension of Time is hereby requested, extending the period for reply to August 21, 2007. The restriction/election requirement requires Applicants to elect one of the following Groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-11 and 12-15, drawn to a testing a method testing a path between two devices, where test messages are sent from one device to another, classified in class 370, subclass 248.
- II. Claims 16-22 and 23-27, drawn to a network configuration detailing two different sub-networks and the links associated with their communication, classified in class 370, subclass 254.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-11 and 12-15). Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application, if necessary, to any non-elected claim subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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